

Thomas Jefferson, April 10, 1792, Report on Provisional Treaty with Algiers, from the Works of Thomas Jefferson in Twelve Volumes. Federal Edition. Collected and Edited by Paul Leicester Ford.

QUESTIONS TO SENATE COMMITTEE¹ J. MSS.

¹ See Vol. I, 205, 216. By a curious error this is printed in Hamilton's *Works of Hamilton* as a letter to Hamilton.

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If the President should enter into a Provisional convention with the government of Algiers for a sum not exceeding 40.000 dollars, will the Senate advise & consent to it's ratification, the government of Algiers being made clearly to understand that we are not to be bound by the treaty until it shall be ratified?

If this sum appears too high, what lower limit would the Senate approve?

If the President should enter into a Provisional treaty of peace with the government of Algiers at an expence not exceeding dollars to be paid on the ratification, & dollars payable annually afterwards, during it's continuance, will the Senate advise and consent to the ratification, the government of Algiers being made clearly to understand that we are not to be bound by the treaty until it shall be ratified?

If these sums appears too high, what lower limits would the Senate approve.